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TAGS: GW, OVIP (RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DR. RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER

1. CDU/CSU FRAKTION CHAIRMAN KOHL HAS ASKED DR. RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER TO VISIT WASHINGTON AFTER THE BUNDESTAG ADJOURNS ON JUNE 24. VON WEIZSAECKER WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 25/26 AND SPEND A WEEK IN THE CAPITAL. HE WILL THEN GO TO ASPEN, COLORADO FOR A MEETING OF THE ASPEN INSTITUTE BOARD.

2. THE PURPOSE OF DR. VON WEIZSAECKER'S VISIT IS TO INTENSIFY CONTACTS BETWEEN THE OPPOSITION AND THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS ASKED US TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT. AS USUAL, THE GERMAN EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS ON THE HILL AND ELSEWHERE.

3. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, DR. VON WEIZSAECKER WILL WANT TO DISCUSS HELMUT KOHL'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE AFTER THE SUMMER VACATION PERIOD. ON PAST VISITS TO WASHINGTON, VON WEIZSAECKER MET WITH THE SECRETARY, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING EUR/CE COULD DO TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

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4. RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER IS ONE OF THE TOP CDU POLITICIANS IN WEST GERMANY. HE IS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE LIBERAL WING OF THE PARTY AND A CLOSE FRIEND AND ADVISOR OF HELMUT KOHL. VON WEIZSAECKER WAS THE CDU/CSU CANDIDATE FOR THE FEDERAL PRESIDENCY IN 1974. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE,

THE SECRETARY SEE DR. VON WEIZSAECKER WHEN HE IS IN  
WASHINGTON.  
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